

ABSTRACT

AL-IIIC-159

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(163)

Hazen, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

1766/1767 (area surveyed/marked)

1902 (new monument set at  
additional site)

Milestone No. ---(163), on a ridge about 4750 feet west of the preceding monument/  
mound No. ---(162) on Evitts Mountain, marks an additional point on Mason and  
Dixon's West Line, close to 154 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland,  
the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain dressed  
Cockeysville <sup>with a low pyramidal top</sup> marble monument, of the same design and source as 65 other monuments  
set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary  
west of Sideling Hill. It is in excellent condition, firmly set, unaltered;  
measures 10 inches square by about 20 inches above ground; and is embellished only  
by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south  
side facing Maryland, and the year 1766 on the east side (when this area was  
preliminarily surveyed) and 1902 on the west side (when this monument was set).  
No. ---(163) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of  
some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, the boundary later known  
as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey  
methods. Locally, as one of 37 monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-  
Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its  
identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Magi No.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)  
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 163)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER off the northeast side of Bottle Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Hazen

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY                                   | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS N/A  | PRESENT USE  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC         | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED                   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)       | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE                   | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE         | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH                      | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE              | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                          | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                            |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED          | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                        |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)  
 NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list) Liber #:

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IIIC-159 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

Survey No. AL-IIIC-159

| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE                                      |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   | X additional site (1/2)                        |

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Milestone No. ---(163) was a new dressed Cockeysville marble monument when set in 1902 at an additional site on / <sup>Mason and Dixon's West</sup> Line during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is in excellent condition, / <sup>firmly set</sup> unaltered; measures 10 inches square by about 20 inches above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, and the year 1766 (when / <sup>this area was</sup> preliminarily surveyed) on the east side, and 1902 (when new site was / <sup>first</sup> monumented) on the west side.

The area here is a narrow, unnamed densely wooded ridge, a western foothill of Evitts Mountain. The site is within Election District 34 of Allegany County, MD, and <sup>about 4750 feet west of the preceding monument/mound No. ---(162):</sup> Cumberland Valley Township of Bedford County, PA; / about 1/4 mile northeast of the small settlement of Hazen, MD; about 1700 feet north-northeast of the private drive entrance to the Anderson's house off the northeast side of Bottle Run Road; about 1200 feet northeast of the house, at a point about 150 feet south of / <sup>and slightly downhill from</sup> the old pipeline into the woods, and now surrounded by a very small gathering of stones (from unknown source--not mentioned by the Resurvey or the 1950 field inspection).

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4 1/2 feet long, intended for setting about 1 1/2 feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for firmly setting into the ground. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the planes and apex of the / <sup>low pyramidal</sup> top are all clear and intact except for a few small chips at the top corners and edges.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several styles of new monuments set in 1902 and the Resurvey method of securing them)

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

|   |   |  |   |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| PREHISTORIC                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING                | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE         | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION   |
| 1400-1499                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION                      | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                            | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE  |
| 1500-1599                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS                         | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE                     | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE  |
| 1600-1699                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING                       | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                          | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>boundary surveying |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                         |   |   |

SPECIFIC DATES 1766/1767 (area survey/markings) 1902 (monument) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(163) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, marked at irregular intervals with cairns and additional wood posts the following year, and the present site on the Line established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(163) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Evitts Creek (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 69922, northing 439936

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Bedford

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/4/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (163)

EVITT'S CREEK QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA - WEST VIRGINIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1949 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1"=2000'



697 BEDFORD 22 MI  
CENTERVILLE 6 MI 5263 1 SW  
(HYNDMAN)

699

40' 700

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE — (163)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)  
NW CORNER (P/1902)

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MASON EDISON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (163)  
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SE CORNER (M/1766), LOOKING N TOWARD  
OLD PIPELINE SWATH —

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